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## A Diſcourſe between JEST and EARNEST concerning the TIMES.

To be continued Weekly.

THURSDAY *Auguſt* 28 1718.

*Jeſt.* AT the Rate Things are carried now a Days, a Man might be apt to think, ſome *Clergymen* and *Carrion Hunters*, call'd *Undertakers*, were near of Kin.

*Earneſt.* What's in the Wind now, that you toſs up your Noſe thus? Explain your ſelf that I may be a Sharer in the Scent.

*Jeſt.* Take but a ſtep to *St. Andrews Holborn*, and you'll not find a Houſe there, but what ſtinks with the Sweat of a Parſons Hat pull'd off for the Lecturesſhip. For there is a Leeſh of them that have taken ſuch Pains to fill up a Place that is not yet vacant, as to make them fry in their own Greaſe, this hot Seaſon, to ſome Purpoſe.

*Earneſt.* 'Twould have favour'd of more Humanity for Gentlemen of their Cloth, to have tarried till the reverend *Mr. Broughton*, whoſe Caſe, notwithſtanding it is extremly dangerous, is not ſo deſperate as to put him out of all Poſſibility of Recovery, had given it up with his laſt Breath. Though I have been told that one of them, Mr Wells, who is on all Accounts, not to mention his being a Native of the ſaid Pariſh, entitled to ſucceed a Gentleman of *Mr. Broughton's* ſound Learning and unblameable Principles, was with great Reluctance prevail'd upon by his Friends to make any Intereſt at all, till he found himſelf in Danger of being circumvented without it.

*Jeſt.* If it be ſo with him, 'tis to be preſumed he will bid fair for the Choice. Beſides he has lately loſt a Chaplainſhip to a Regiment, and on that Account as well as in Conſideration of his Worth and Abilities, ought to be prefer'd before ſuch as are already provided for; eſpecially one, that beſides a good Temporal and Spiritual Income has a Partnerſhip in Trade, and is judged by ſome that know him rightly to have almoſt as good a Title to the wearing a *white Apron*, as a Doctor of Laws *Hood*. But as he *brews*, ſo let him *bake*; it's hop'd the Gentleman whoſe Deceaſe is ſo earneſtly gap'd after, will by his Reſtoration to his former State of Health, put the Matter out of Diſpute between all three Candidates; though the *Venerable St. James's Poſt* in one of his late Papers has very decently kill'd him; ſince we are given to underſtand by Accounts of a freſher Date, that he

has recover'd Strength enough to take an Airing from *Kingſton* to *Richmond*.

*Earneſt*. May it increaſe with him, ſay I, Day after Day, for the Benefit of the Congregations that have edified by his Preaching, and a very numerous Family, both which, let who will be his Succeſſor, cannot but be great Loſers by his Death. But this Letter in my Hand tells me of a Lectureſhip actually vacant (which is that of *Iſlington*) by the Death of the Reverend Mr. *Rogers*. And happy it it for him, that after a long long Sickneſs, which had made Life a Burthen to him, that he is removed to the Manſions of Joy and Reſt, and in Recompence of all his Labours in the Lord, ſtands poſſeſs'd of that Immortality of Bliſs, to which he was conſtantly inviting thoſe that heard him.

*Jeſt*. I know the Pariſh you ſpeak of, Right well, and it will be none of a certain very buſy ſort of a Magiſtrate's Fault that lives there, if ſome Scab of the Church, is not ſtuck into the Pulpit, in the Room of the very worthy Divine juſt mention'd.

*Earneſt*. Leſs Irreverence in your Expreſſions towards Gentlemen that wear the Sacred Habit, whatſoever Freedom you take with the Laity. At firſt, when Mr. *Rogers* declared his Intentions of reſigning, for the Weakneſs he was reduced to could no ways enable him to perform the Duties of his Place; Four Competitors appear'd *viz*. Mr. *Th — s* a true blew *Proteſtant* Divine, newly come from propagating the Faith in *Penſilvania*. *Mr.* ——— *Mr. Hendly* of *Clerkenwell*, and *Mr. Mills*, but upon ſecond Thoughts, the two firſt being made appriz'd of the prevailing Intereſt of the two laſt, gave up the Conteſt, and left it between *Mr. Hendly* and *Mr. Mills*.

*Jeſt*. So that your Letter I ſuppoſe comes by way of Recommendation of one of the Two.

*Earneſt*. It does ſo, and is written in Favour of him, that you and I are beſt acquainted with. As for *Mr. Mills*, I ſhall no ways enter upon his Character, it being wholly unknown to me, neither ſhall I ſpeak Things of *Mr. Hendly*, but what I have Vouchers at Hand to atteſt the Truth of. Though I defie the Malice of the *higheſt* Conſtable, with all his Subalterns at his Back, to make out the Allegations, he applies himſelf with great Induſtry, to paſs for Truth, which are no leſs than Diſſenſions, and Animoſities in the Pariſh he now belongs to, and cauſing a Perſon to drink the *Pretenders* Health.

*Jeſt*. By theſe Means, that Head of inferior Midnight Magiſtrates takes upon himſelf, to do Satan's Drudgery for him: But you have ſaid enough in our Diſcourſe at the firſt Inſtant to ſet aſide all Objections againſt Mr. *Hendley's* Conduct as to the laſt Accuſation, and the firſt can be made as deteſtably falſe, as any *Negative* can poſſibly be proved: So that there are few other Conſequences of his Inſinuations and Whiſpers againſt a Gentleman who is only loaden with bitter Invectives, becauſe he will not deſerve them, to be dreaded, than the Loſs of ſuch Pariſhioners Votes, as lie chiefly at his Mercy, ſuch as here and there, a puny *Barber*, *Chandler*, or *Ale-Draper*, whom he has it in his Power to catch tripping, or over-look in their *Peccadillos* on Sundays.

*Earneſt*. Mr. *Hendley* has nothing to fear from Men of Figure, Religion and Condition, and thoſe that have at Heart the Salutary Doctrines inculcated by the reverend Mr. Arch-Deacon *Yeates* in the Morning, cannot but make it their Choice to have them thoroughly enforced inpreſs'd on their Memories in the Afternoon, which no one can do with a better Grace, and a greater Efficacy than the Perſon we are now propoſing to their Choice.

*Jeſt*. I have heard that Mr. *Rogers* himſelf in his laſt Moments, as far as in him lay, recommended him to ſuch Inhabitants as viſited him in his Illneſs.

*Earneſt*. You have been rightly informed: So that thoſe who have any Regard for the Memory of the late Lecturer, will make it manifeſt, by giving into his Sentiments at the enſuing Election.

*Jeſt*. If his Requeſt is to be complied with, and this very worthy Friend of ours to carry the Day, it will not be for want of Oppoſition. For, if Report ſpeaks Truth, there is a Story come to Town, no longer ſince, than laſt *Monday*, that may convince the World of new Injuries done to him, and of freſh Proſecutions (far be it from me to give Offence to ſome Wiſeacres of the *Kentiſh* Coram by ſaying *Perſecutions*) for his *Righteouſneſs Sake*. But you know more of this Matter than I, and can better relate it.

*Earneſt*. I have it but imperfectly, which is enough to make appear, that I have no ways conſulted the Perſon abuſed, upon this Occaſion. However, 'tis pity what has gotten Air ſhould not be made publick, and I ſhall give it after as brief and impartial a Manner, as it has been handed

handed to me. A Clergyman of the County of *Kent*, not far from this City, having deſired *Mr. Hendley*, to come and officiate for him, to his Pariſhioners laſt *Sunday*, was readily obliged with a very civil Anſwer. But as he could not act for another, without having his own Desk ſupplied by a proper Perſon to read Prayers in his ſtead, ſo he was obliged to make it known, that due Proviſion might be made for that End. Accordingly his Enemies, who had purſued him from *Clerkenwell* to *Somerſet-Houſe*, and from thence to the Spiritual Court in *Doctors Commons*, did not make any Difficulty of following him ſome few Miles out of Town into *Kent*, and there having concerted Meaſures with two very worſhipful *Inſignificants* in the Commiſſion of the Peace, that for the Lowlineſs of their Principles ought not to have had the heighth of Station their Brains were giddy with, put them in Execution as follows. They knew that it was his conſtant Cuſtom to read the ſecond Service at the Altar, and had thereupon prevail'd with the before-mention'd Magiſtrates to plant Conſtables and Headboroughs, in the Church, in order to ſeize upon him for ſo doing. Nor did the Fellows who were more excuſable than their Maſter, fall ſhort of their Inſtructions; for he was no ſoonor got within thoſe Rails, the Approaches to which ought to fill the moſt obſtinate Heart, with the greateſt Awe and Reverence, and had enter'd upon the Duties of his Office, as laid down by the Rubrick, but in they ruſh'd upon him, and drag'd him from thence with the utmoſt Violence and Outrage. In ſo much that the Congregation was diſmiſs'd, and the Church Doors were ſhut up, without his being ſuffer'd to go on with the Offices approved of, and enjoined to be performed by Act of Parliament, and the Rites and Inſtitutions of the eſtabliſh'd Church.

*Jeſt.* What became of poor *Culprit* the Priſoner? This was pulling the Surplice over his Ears with a Witneſs, and making good Mother *P—— d*'s Threatnings, in our laſt, to a Tittle.

*Earneſt.* It was ſo; for theſe Mittimus-Mongers of Juſtices, no ſooner had him before them, but very gravely gave him to underſtand what Hands he had fallen into, and that he was to go to *Maidſtone* Goal, for the greateſt of Offenders.

*Jeſt.* A *Popiſh* Prieſt at leaſt; nothing under a Hundred Pounds in View for his Conviction. Did not they pull off his Whig, to ſee if he was ſhaved after the manner of the *Monks*, and ſearch his Pockets and his Boſom for a Crucifix.

*Earneſt.* I have not heard that they went ſo far, but can aſſure you, he had actually gone to Pot, and been impriſon'd, had not a Gentleman by mere Accident appear'd in his Behalf, and put in Bail for him to appear at the Quarterly Seſſions for the County, or the next Aſſizes.

*Jeſt.* To make it appear, you would ſay, that thoſe that Bound him over for a *Criminal* ought to be brought before their Betters, as *Diſturbers of the Peace* themſelves, and that a new Commiſſion for Perſons worthy of ſitting upon the Bench, ought to be ſent down to *Kent*, as well as ſome other Countries.

*Earneſt.* Truly ſuch Extrajudicial Proceedings as theſe, are not unworthy of the Cognizance of that Power to which they are ſubordinate, and which cannot with any Colour of Juſtice be thought to approve of them, though it may have been miſtaken in the Choice of thoſe that are Guilty of them. But if it ſhould be ſo taken up with Affairs of State, and great Machinations for the Repoſe of *Europe*, now upon the Anvil, as not to be at Leiſure for the Regulation of Abuſes of this Nature, which are no leſs than the moſt contemptible Uſage of the Miniſters of God's Holy Word and Sacraments; we are in no wiſe to Doubt of the Zeal of my Lord Biſhop of *Rocheſter*, in whoſe Dioceſe this inſupportable Inſolence has been offer'd, but that it will burn forth as a ſhining Lamp to vindicate the Honour of the truly Chriſtian and moſt Orthodox Prieſthood, and exert it ſelf in its full Strength, towards doing theſe *Malefactors* of *Magiſtrates* in his own Court, which may not be to eaſily obtain'd in others.

*Jeſt.* If his Lordſhip undertakes the Cauſe, you may reſt aſſur'd that he'll go through with it; for he is no Flincher in Caſes of this Nature; and will not bate them an Inch of his Juſt Prerogatives.

*Earneſt.* I am told, he has already done it, and that Citations are order'd to be iſſued out, purſuant to this End.

*Jeſt.* Then it may happen that theſe two notable *Anti-ceremonialiſts*, that could not bear the ſight of a Surplice at the Altar, may, in due Time, be ſeen ſtanding themſelves not far from it under a White Sheet; and thoſe that have given

given ſuch a flagrant Inſtance of the Laws that are to be put in Execution by the Civil Magiſtrate, may be taught to know their Duty by the Eccleſiaſtical.

*Earneſt.* They have little leſs to expect from a Prelate, who cannot hear of ſuch Prophanations in the exerciſe of God's Worſhip, but muſt like *ELI, tremble for the Ark of the Lord*, that is apparently in the utmoſt Danger for want of due Animadverſion on Offenders that ſhelter themſelves under the Impunity of high Dignities.

*Jeſt.* Methinks the very Circumſtances of this freſh Inſult upon Mr. *Hendley*, ſhould add to his Intereſt, with the Pariſhoners of *Iſlington*, and more and more endear him to their Choice at the enſuing Election.

*Earneſt.* There is no Room to doubt but it will: For as *his Works praiſe him in the Gate*, and none can be his Enemies but thoſe that are Foes to God and Religion: As he has always been ſteadfaſt and immoveable in a ſtrict and and conſtant Adherence to the Canons of the Church, and an inviolate Obſervance of her Thirty Nine Artices: As neither the moſt outragious Behaviour of a Party bent to compleat his Ruine, Suits at Law, nor Fear of Impriſonment have deter'd him from *doing the Work of an Evangeliſt, and making full Proof of his Miniſtry*; as he has anſwer'd the great Apoſtle of the *Gentiles* Exhortations to *Timothy* in all Points, and has not had his *Youth deſpiſed*, but *been an Example of the Believers, in Word, in Converſation, in Charity, in Spirit, in Faith, in Purity*, neither has he *neglected the Gift that is in him, which was given him by Propheſy, and the laying on of Hands*: In a Word, as *he has preach'd the Word, and been inſtant in Seaſon, out of Seaſon, reproving, rebuking, exhorting with all Long ſuffering and Doctrine*, now the *Times are come when* ſome Men *will not endure ſound Doctrine, but after their own Lusts heap to themſelves Teachers, having itching Ears*: So it is but reaſonable to preſume, that all thoſe excellent Qualities will be of Weight ſufficient to byaſs thoſe that have it in their Power to ſhew that his *Labours have not been in Vain, in the Lord*, as to the Good Things in *this Life*, ſince the Promiſes ſet forth in Holy Writ moſt evidently demonſtrate he will not be without a glorious Reward in the *next*, and that a *Crown of Righteouſneſs is laid up for all thoſe, that fight a good Fight, finiſh their Courſe, and keep the Faith.*

*Jeſt.* The Inhabitants of *Iſlington* Pariſh will fall ſhort of *Clerkenwell* in Juſtice and Gratitude, ſhould he fail of the Majority of Hands and Hearts among them, that upon the Demiſe of their preſent Curate in Chief, would have ten to one among the other; and it is no manner of Arrogance in approved Merit to expect ſomewhat better Treatment from a Gentleman in the Commiſſion of the Peace, and the Ruling Officers there, than he has met with from a certain *Coram Nobis*, a Brace of Spiritual Defamers, Church-wardens, and their Deputies elſewhere.


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